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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON GENEVA TALKS, FEB 12-14

1. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE THIS WEEKEND CENTERS
LARGELY AROUND AMB YOUNG'S TOUR AND HIS REMARKS
DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON.

2. TIMES (SATURDAY) DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT DAVID
SPANIER: "AFTER NEW DISCUSSIONS ON THE COLLAPSE OF THE
RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS, THE U.S. AND BRITAIN HAVE DE-
CIDED TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT TO FIND A WAY OUT. MR.
CROSLAND...AND HIS ADVISERS WILL REVIEW POSSIBLE CHOICES
THIS WEEK IN THE HOPE OF DEFINING A NEW POLICY. (FRIDAY
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NIGHT) MR. ANDREW YOUNG...DISCUSSED HIS SOUNDINGS IN
AFRICA WITH MR. IVOR RICHARD.... THE REASON FOR (THE)
RENEWED (BRITISH) BURST OF ACTIVITY IS THAT THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT CANNOT STAND ASIDE AND
DO NOTHING. PRESIDENT CARTER IS TAKING A CLOSE INTEREST
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.... THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS EVI-
DENTLY PREPARED TO GIVE ACTIVE SUPPORT IN BACKING ANY

FUTURE BRITISH EFFORTS ON RHODESIA.... MR. YOUNG HAS SAID HE MIGHT RECOMMEND CONVENING A MULTINATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US, BRITAIN, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, THE FIVE 'FRONT LINE' STATES AND RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS BUT EXCLUDING MR. SMITH'S REGIME."

3. GUARDIAN (SATURDAY): "...YOUNG...SAID IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT HE FORESEES NO IMMEDIATE INITIATIVE TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK IN RHODISIA."

4. DAILY TELEGRAPH (SATURDAY) STORY FROM WASHINGTON: "AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY OFFICIALS ARE EXAMINING PROPOSALS FOR TIGHTENING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AMONG AMERICAN FIRMS."

5. FINANCIAL TIMES (SATURDAY) AFRICAN CORRESPONDENT BRIDGET BLOOM: "...SMITH IS LIKELY TO DELAY PLANS FOR AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WITH MODERATE AFRICANS WHILE HE SEES WHETHER NEW EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO REVIVIE THE ANGLO/AMERICAN SETTLEMENT INITIATIVES WHICH COLLAPSED LAST MONTH. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT...VORSTER...STRONGLY ADVISED HIM TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN FOR RENEWED INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO OBVIOUS SIGN THAT EITHER WASHINGTON OR LONDON HAS YET PRODUCED ANY NEW STRATEGY TO BREAK THE RHODESIAN DEADLOCK, MR. VORSTER IS CLEARLY KEEN THAT BOTH BRITAIN AND THE US SHOULD TRY TO RESTART TALKS.... (YOUNG'S LONDON TALKS) WERE DESCRIBED LAST UNCLASSIFIED

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NIGHT AS SIMPLY PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW (HIS) FINDINGS FROM HIS AFRICAN MISSION."

6. SUNDAY EXPRESS EDITORIAL ON REPORT THAT ANDREW YOUNG WAS COLOR-BARRED FROM SPEAKING AT A NEW ORLEANS MEETING: "DOESN'T THE STORY SUGGEST THAT BEFORE MR. YOUNG GOES GLOBETROTTING AGAIN HE SHOULD GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO THE TROUBLES OF HIS BLACK BROTHERS AT HOME. IF, AFTER 400 YEARS, THE NEGROES OF THE U.S. ARE STILL DENIED EQUAL RIGHTS, OPPORTUNITY AND DIGNITY, IS IT REALLY REALLY REASONABLE TO DEMAND THAT OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD ADVANCE THEM TO FULL EQUALITY VIRUTALLY OVERNIGHT."

7. SUNDAY TELEGRAPH DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT NORMAN KIRKHAM: "MOVES BY BRITAIN AND AMERICAN TO FIND A SOLUTION IN RHODESIA ARE LIKELY TO INCLUDE CALLING A CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN NATIONALISTS AS A PRELIMINARY STEP TO REOPENING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ...SMITH. THE POSSIBILITY OF

HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY...YOUNG...AND RICHARD (AT THEIR LONDON MEETING). I UNDERSTAND THAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA AGREE THAT A NEW EFFORT TO REACH A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT MUST BE LAUNCHED. NO EARLY DEVELOPMENTS ARE EXPECTED.... MR. YOUNG HAS AGREED WITH MR. RICHARD THAT THE GROUNDWORK MUST BE PREPARED CAREFULLY."

8. OBSERVER CORRESPONDENT DONALD WOODS IN CAPE TOWN:
"THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. JOHN VORSTER, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TOLD...SMITH LAST WEEK THAT HE WILL NOT GET ANY SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT UNLESS AMERICA AND BRITAIN ACCEPT IT.

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9. GUARDIAN NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT JANE ROSEN (MONDAY):
"...YOUNG...HAS RETURNED (FROM HIS TOUR) AND A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID WASHINGTON IS NOW 'BREATHING EASIER'. THE ENTHUSIASTIC REACTION MR. YOUNG AROUSED AMONG BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS WAS NOT MATCHED IN WASHINGTON. ON THE CONTRARY, STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES FEAR THAT

THE AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE LED THE AFRICANS TO EXPECT MORE FROM THE U.S. THAN WASHINGTON INTENDS TO OFFER.... IT WAS MR. YOUNG'S REMARKS TO AFRICAN LEADERS THAT REALLY DISMAYED THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE IMPLIED THAT THE U.S. IS FULLY COMMITTED TO WHAT HE CALLED AN 'AFRICAN SOLUTION' (IN RHODESIA...."

10. DAILY TELEGRAPH WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT NICHOLAS COMFORT (MONDAY): "...CARTER YESTERDAY MOVED TO LESSEN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE REPERCUSSIONS OF A STATEMENT BY...YOUNG...THAT... KISSINGER HAD ABANDONED BRITAIN LAST YEAR TO DEAL WITH THE RHODESIAN SITUATION ON ITS OWN. MR. CARTER SAID THAT THE FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE, HAVING PREPARED THE GROUND...HAD CLEARLY LOST INFLUENCE AFTER (THE ELECTIONS) ..."

11. TIMES HOHANNESBURG CORRESPONDENT NICHOLAS ASHFORD (MONDAY): "AFTER A WEEK OF INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON, LONDON AND CAPE TOWN, THE STAGE SEEM SET FOR THE LAUNCHING OF YET ANOTHER RHODESIAN PEACE INITIATIVE.... ACCORDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN SOURCES, THE FIRST MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION COULD BE A MEETING BETWEEN MR. VORSTER, THE PRIME MINISTER, AND SENIOR AMERICAN AND BRITISH NEGOTIATORS--PORBABLY MR. VANCE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND MR. CROSLAND, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY."

12. DAILY TELEGRAPH SALISBURY CORRESPONDENT CHRISTOPHER MUNNION (MONDAY): "THE DEPARTURE OF THE MINISTER (OF DEFENSE)...REFLECTS A RESTLESSNESS IN POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL CIRCLES IN RHODESIA WITH THE LACK OF FIRM DIRECTION BY...SMITH'S GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE GENEVA SETTLEMENT INITIATIVES." ARMSTRONG

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